

## THE SOCIAL CORNER

## OPPORTUNITY PROMISES, BUT IT NEVER GUARANTEES.

## SOCIAL CORNER POETRY.

**IN SCHOOL DAYS.**  
Still sits the school-house by the road,  
A ragged beggar running;  
Around it still the quacks grow,  
And black-berry vines are running.

Within the master's desk is seen,  
Two sealed by rays of light;  
The warping floor, the battered seats,  
The jack-knives carved initial.

The charred frescos on its wall:  
Its door's worn still, betraying  
The feet that crept along to school,  
And storming out to play!

Long years ago a winter's day,  
Shone over it at setting;  
Lit up its western window-pane,  
And low waves lay frothing.

It touched the tangled golden curls,  
And brown eyes full of grieving,  
Of one who still her years on day,  
When all the school were leaving.

For near her stood the little boy,  
His childish finger stung;  
He had pulled the quack's face,  
Where pride and shame were mingled.

Pushing with restless foot the snow,  
To right and left he leaped;  
As restlessly his tiny hands  
The blue-checked apron fingered.

He saw her lift her eyes; he felt  
The soft hand's light caressing;  
And heard the tremble of her voice,  
As if a faint confessing.

The merry that I speak the word:  
I hate to go above you,  
Because—the brown was lower fell,  
Because you see I love you!

Still memory to a star-haired man,  
This childhood is showing,  
Dear girl, the dark eyes of his crane,  
Have forty years been growing!

He lives to learn, in life's hard school,  
How few who now above him  
Lament their triumph and his loss,  
Like her—because they love him.

Sent in by Blackberry Brier.

**The Old Elder Barrel.**  
How clear to my vision an old elder  
Barrel,  
As fond recollection presents it to view,  
The place where it rested down in the  
dark cellar  
Is as fresh in my mind as it ever was,  
top!

The old white-washed wall and the bins  
that stood by it,  
The apples, potatoes and things that  
were stored  
Up there, in the cool and damp-bottomed  
cellar.

Where the old elder barrel stood up on  
one end—  
The old elder barrel, the hard elder  
barrel,  
The iron-hooped barrel that stood up on  
one end.

Once, armed with gimlet I went to that  
barrel,  
Dear father and mother had gone for  
the day;  
I bored a small hole and I put a straw  
through it.

And for an hour kept sucking away  
fill things in my vision seemed soft  
to blend,  
And couldn't have told whether I or  
the barrel.

Was lying or still standing up on one  
end—  
The old elder barrel, the hard elder  
barrel,  
The iron-hooped barrel that stood up on  
one end.

Sent in by TWICE TWENTY.

## SOCIAL CORNER EVENTS.

Feb. 22—Club No. 3 Meets in Baptist  
Chapel in Lebanon.

## ANSWERS AND INQUIRIES.

**SIS HOPKINS:** Your name has been  
added to the Social Corner membership  
list.

**MIDGET:** Your name has been added  
to the Social Corner membership list.

**HONEY B:** Your name has been added  
to the Social Corner list.

**INTERESTED READER:** Letter re-  
ceived and forwarded as requested.

**BLANCHIE:** Card received. Many  
thanks.

**DON'T WORRY:** Your suggestion got  
possible to carry out now, but will be  
in mind if the chance develops.

**FOGIST:** You will be welcomed as a  
member of The Corner and your letter  
will be published in due time. Just send  
me name and address, though that is not  
for publication.

**ORIANNA:** Your name has been added  
to the Social Corner membership list.

**WHO KNOWS?** Dear Sister of the Social Corner: Our  
Corner page serves for a variety of help  
for each other even to those who do  
not take an active part. Under this con-  
sideration I would like to inquire, as  
quicker personal interest, if any one  
can tell me something concerning a long  
ago friend of mine. In the year 1878 and  
1879, I had a very devoted, kind sun-  
day school teacher in the South  
Congregational church at Middletown,  
whose name was Miss Nellie Whiting.

She was a young woman in those days,  
perhaps between 20 to 25 years of age,  
and she was very kind and gentle. I  
saw her last in 1879 when she left  
Middletown to go to Conantville.  
Dear William to work in a silk mill.  
I never learned anything about her af-  
ter she went away, nor whether she ever  
married or not. These many years as I  
look back to those days of my early  
childhood, how after I have thought of  
Miss Whiting and I have wondered if  
she is still living and where?

I am hoping some sister or reader of  
the Social Corner may be able to fur-  
nish some information to me, which would  
be greatly appreciated.

I quite agree with Sister Gage's sug-  
gestion. I will pay for women, though we  
don't pay for men, but perhaps we  
may have on this subject, but on a nu-  
merous of other things. Some people both  
men and women, are always on the op-  
posite side of any topic; they present un-  
reasonable views, queer ideas and hold

their individual judgment is supreme.  
These people who are continually criti-  
cizing the forms of our government,  
finding fault with manufacturers, even  
raising their voices as to how much bet-  
ter conditions could be, and should be,  
if their ideas were maintained and if  
(the small word) they, the opposing el-  
ement, were to follow the criticism. We  
often hear the phrase, "the criticism,"  
"chronic criticism," which applies to this  
class, and really they are most congenial  
with one another than with others of  
reasonable consideration.

I wish to thank Interested Reader for  
a very dainty and a very careful, which  
I received. I appreciate it, and it hangs  
over my desk where I see it often and  
think of what it represents, a kind re-  
membrance from the Social Corner.

My sympathy goes to those who are  
ill and suffering. May their hours of  
anxiety and change and health be re-  
stored and happy days return.

At this season the leafless trees and  
barren fields seem void of any life, but  
we are confident in Nature, that the  
birds and tiny blades of grass will ap-  
pear early in the spring time. The ap-  
proach of the springtime always ap-  
peals to me, like the bright sunny day  
following the storm. I am sure we all  
enjoy seeing the violets and the pansies  
and welcome again the birds as they  
sing their notes of song.

Kind wishes to all.

**JENNIE.**

**GREETINGS FROM RED ROSE.**  
Dear Social Corner Editor: I see  
where Aunt Mary Jane sent a sponge  
cake recipe. Here is one like very  
much.

**Sponge Cake:** One cup sugar, two  
eggs, one cup flour, one teaspoon bak-  
ing powder, one-half cup of hot milk.  
Sweeten with sugar. Bake in a greased  
pan. Bake in a greased pan.

**Sweet Fannie:** So glad you have be-  
come a Social Corner member.  
Joan: Thank you for the friendly  
thought.

**Sweet Fannie:** So glad to see you at  
the last meeting. Hope you can come  
again. Did you say peppermint?

**Lucy Acorn:** Where art thou? Ex-  
pect to see you keep up the change  
when I see you next time.

**Lucy Acorn:** Very much interested in  
what you write. I like your paper.  
Like your pieces anyway. If you can't  
play what you can write.

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seared to. So, judging from that it must  
be pretty good. You know the old say-  
ing, "the proof of the pudding is in the  
eating," but in this case it is said.

As a young housekeeper I enjoy  
baking each week for the "Social Cor-  
ner" and I find the Social Corner page  
going for I find they are far better than  
any other book of recipes which I have  
seen. I have been a member of the Social  
Corner since it was first started. The old  
and tried recipes are very hard to find.  
I have my cook book started with only  
tested recipes that I have been for-  
tunate to find. I have been very happy  
the sisters will send in a recipe to help  
me fill my own cook book.

**Madeline:** Your recipe for making  
raisin cake was very good. I have been  
a long time trying to get one and was  
very pleased when my eyes fell upon  
your recipe.

I am also very glad to know  
that you are a member of the Social Cor-  
ner and hope some day we may have  
the pleasure of meeting. I surely  
will be glad to give you all my pat-  
terns in tating.

With best wishes to all.

**ANOTHER CORNER MEMBER.**  
Dear Editor of Social Corner: I have  
been asked by several of the Social Cor-  
ner members to join The Corner, and  
after visiting at their meetings I am  
pleased to announce that I will be a  
member of the Social Corner.

**Recipe for Sponge Cake.**  
Dear Editor and Social Corner Sisters:  
I attended the Social Corner Club No. 2  
two weeks ago Wednesday at Bucking-  
ham Memorial. I enjoyed it ever so  
much and would like to become a mem-  
ber.

I am sending recipe for sponge cake  
which I think is a very good. Two eggs,  
one cup sugar, one cup flour, one tea-  
spoon baking powder, one-half cup of  
one cup sifted flour with put one  
heaping teaspoon baking powder, and sift  
together.

**CHATTY LETTER FROM CRIMSON.**  
Dear Corner Members: What a glori-  
ous snowstorm we did have—for anyone  
who likes it! Not for me, however.

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with not too rich cream. One good  
cup four, one good teaspoon baking pow-  
der, salt, vanilla. Bake in square tin.

**Hot Milk Sponge Cake:** Two eggs  
beaten thoroughly, one cup sugar, beat  
again, one-half cup flour, one-half cup  
milk, then another one-half cup flour in  
which has been put one heaping tea-  
spoon powder, salt. Flavor with lemon or  
vanilla.

**Mother's Recipe:** Cookies: Two eggs,  
one and one-half cups sugar, one cup  
cream (if cream is very poor put in about  
one-fourth cup milk), one teaspoon soda,  
one teaspoon lemon or vanilla and one  
half cup sugar.

The recipe is made with one-half  
cup shortening and one level teaspoon  
soda and two cups of cream of tartar will  
one-half cup sweet milk and one cup  
sugar.

Best of wishes to all, especially to  
Grandma H.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH CORNER.**  
Dear Social Corner Sisters: Though  
I do not write very often I am inter-  
ested in the corner and read the Social  
Corner page almost every week.

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your letter last week and the recipe for  
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rhumatism, which took my extra time  
to carry out doctor's orders but he is  
improving so he can get about some.

I have two good cold and cough recipes  
which I think ought to be passed along.  
I know they are good, as we use them  
constantly through the winter months.

For irritation of the throat and  
sore throat, take equal parts of gly-  
cerine and paragonia mix well, and take  
in small doses as soon as required. This  
will give you a good cold and cough  
recipe.

Some 15 or 20 years ago this one was  
given:

**Cough Mixture:** One ounce each of  
syrup of squilla, nitrate para-  
gonia and licorice, mixed. Pour it into a  
large mouth bottle containing two cups of  
New Orleans molasses. Well and  
shake before taking. The dose is for  
adults, one tablespoon three or four times  
a day, and for children one teaspoon  
three or four times a day.

**Live, reduce doses.** For a small family it  
will be half the recipe, so to make it in  
it. I have given this to a lot of peo-  
ple and it has done them good.

**Bumble Bee:** Did you get your recipe?  
Hope you liked them as well as Sister  
Gage's.

**Old Glory:** You seemed to enjoy your  
self at the Social Corner. Who was the  
young man?

I had your badge at the February  
meeting. Please come to me all who